



The Continuing Relevance of Development Thinking in Addressing Caribbean Realities



W Arthur Lewis & the Current Caribbean Challenges

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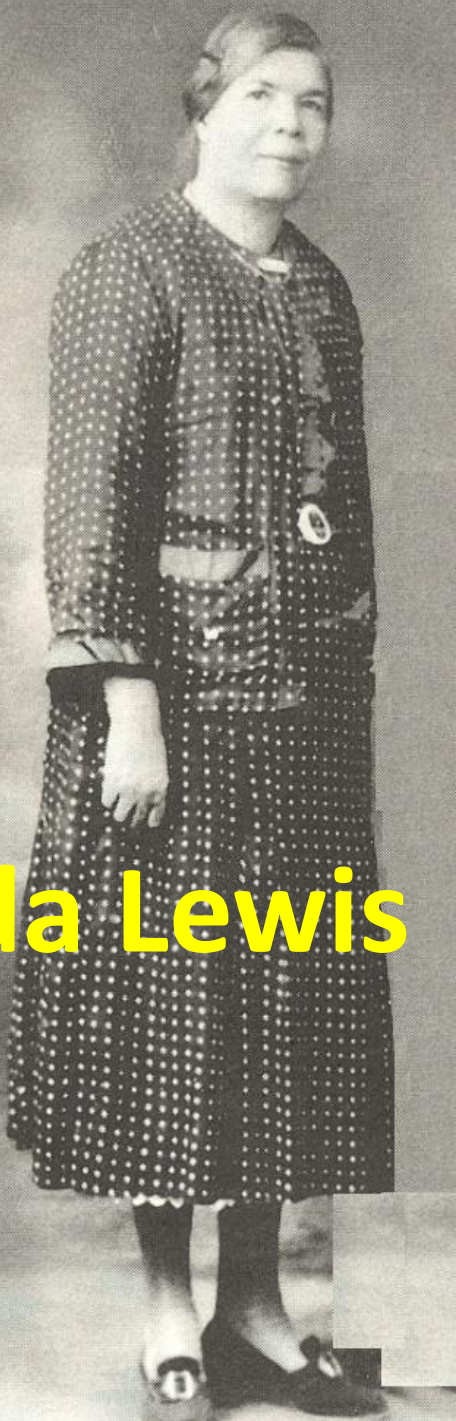
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Be Confident

My mother brought me up to believe that anything that they can do we can do.

(What Have We Learnt from Development?
(1985 CP: 2077-8))

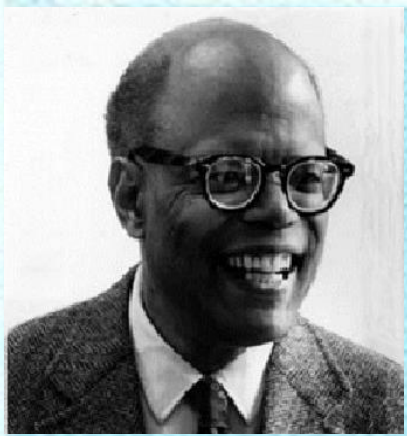
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Lewis's Universals

- There is No One Model
- Balance Incentive with Governance
- Development Is a Social Process



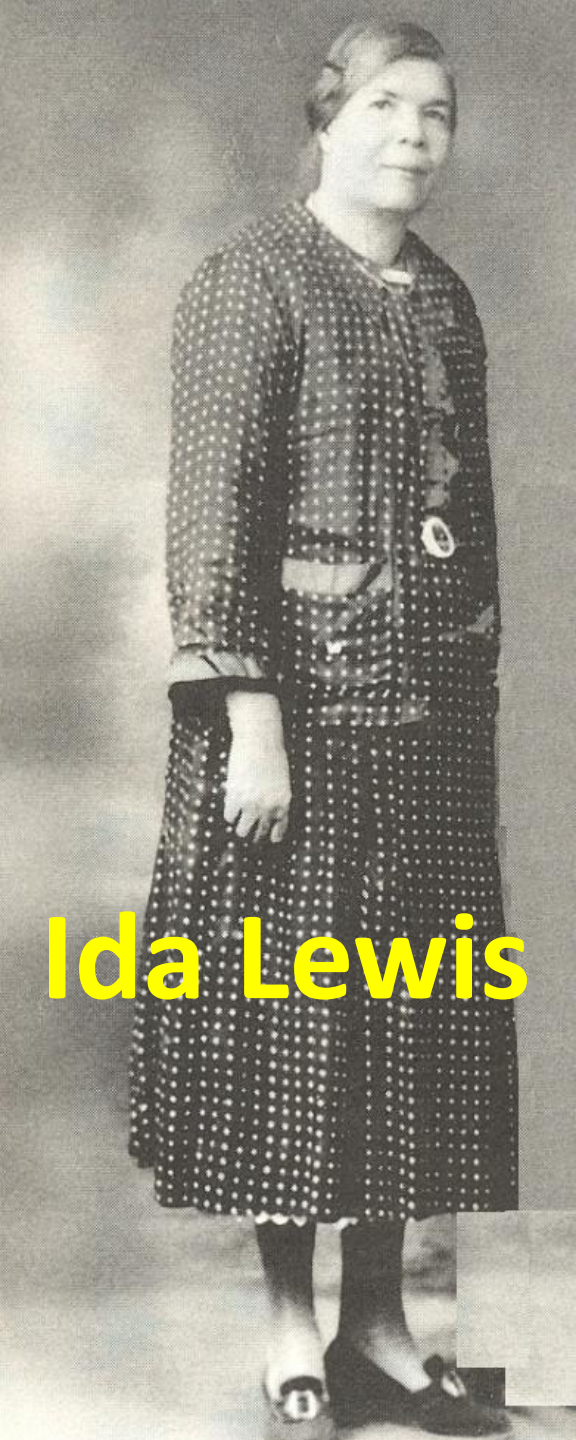
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- Adopt Interdisciplinary Approaches
- Create Appropriate Institutions
- Development is More than Growth



Lewis's Universals

- Analysis of Resources Is Only One Part
- Social Transformation Is Fundamental
- Local Leadership/ Consensus Is the Key



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The Essential Lewis Model

**My mother taught us to make the
best of what we have and that is
what I have tried to do.**

(“W. Arthur Lewis”, in *Lives of the
Laureates* 1986 CP Vol. 1, I)



The Young Lewis Today

- Diasporic Platforms for Caribbean Development
- Spreading Caribbean Products Using Diaspora
- Creating Caribbean Affinities through Tourism
- Capitalizing on Caribbean Cultural Power

Thank You



Arthur Lewis with a Group of Undergraduates at UWI, Mona